



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM: SPENCER ABRAHAM

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SUBJECT: Pollution Prevention Best-In-Class Awards

Congratulations on your site's receiving a 2004 Department of Energy (DOE) Pollution Prevention Best-In-Class Award. A listing of the sites and the pollution prevention activities winning a best-in-class award in 2004 is provided in the attachment.

I am also pleased that DOE was recognized in the White House Closing-the-Circle competition for its pollution prevention activities. This competition is open to all Federal agencies, and DOE received two awards and two honorable mentions out of the 27 given from over 200 nominations.

The Department is committed to protecting the environment while conducting our national security and energy-related missions, I am proud of the dedicated and creative people at your site who did the work that merited these awards. They help to prove that pollution prevention, whether it takes the form of procuring environmentally preferable products, modifying processes to eliminate or reduce waste streams, designing facilities to be environmentally sustainable, or integrating all these activities into daily practice, is a good business practice that can improve efficiency, lower costs, and reduce mission vulnerability.

Equally important, these innovators have developed activities that are transferable to other sites across the complex. Information on all the pollution prevention activities honored this year will be posted on the DOE website as models for other sites wishing to reinvigorate their efforts to achieve the Department's pollution prevention leadership goals.

Please extend my gratitude to all the people at your site involved in winning these awards. I appreciate their best-in-class efforts to integrate pollution prevention into site operations.

Attachment



**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
2004 POLLUTION PREVENTION
BEST-IN-CLASS AWARDS**

National Nuclear Security Administration

Los Alamos National Laboratory

Formamide Replacement in Genetic Sequencing

Sandia National Laboratories/NM

Sustainable Design Integrated Educational Series

Construction Waste Recycling

Five Keys to Success: Continuous Improvement for Construction Purchases

[2004 White House Closing-the-Circle Award]

Savannah River Site

Tritium Hot Calibration Laboratory

Design Assessments for the Pit Disassembly & Conversion Facility

Y-12 National Security Complex

Innovative Roadway Paving Application

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management

Yucca Mountain Project

Minimizing the Copy Hog: Commitment to Reducing Paper Use

[2004 White House Closing-the-Circle Honorable Mention]

Greening Property Management

Employing Environmental Accountability and Aspect Integration into

Day-to-Day Decision-making and Long-term Planning

Office of Environmental Management

Idaho National Engineering and Environment Laboratory

Lead Program Project

Nitrate Recycling

Oil Bypass Filter Technology Evaluation

Hanford Site

Mortar-lining Project for Water Distribution

Savannah River Site

P2 Outreach and Employee Awareness Program – Ms. Santa Berry
Manganese Nitrate Substitution Avoids High-level Waste Generation
Comprehensive Recycle Options
Energy Savings Performance Contract Exemplifies Life Cycle Cost
Assessment
P2 Implementation in SRS Closure Business Unit

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

Sustainable NREL: New Buildings Program
Sustainable NREL: Recycling Program
Sustainable NREL: Education, Outreach, and Information Sharing

Office of Fossil Energy

National Energy Technology Laboratory

Positive Experiences in Undergoing ISO-14001 Certification

Strategic Petroleum Reserve

Commitment to EMS Implementation: Achieving a Positive EMS Return on
Investment [2004 **White House Closing-the-Circle Honorable
Mention**]

Office of Science

Battelle Memorial Institute

Corporate Commitment to Environmental Stewardship and Enhanced EMS at
the Brookhaven, Oak Ridge, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratories
[2004 **White House Closing-the-Circle Award**]

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